

January 24, 2007 Update

Update for the Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program Rulemaking (9 A.A.C. 4, Article 5)

The Department is amending the rules in 9 A.A.C. 4, Article 5, to clarify reporting requirements for the Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program (ABDMP), specify information the Department may collect and how, improve organization, and address HIPAA issues.

The Department has submitted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to the Office of the Secretary of State, and expects the Notice to be published in the *Arizona Administrative Register* on February 9, 2007. The Oral Proceeding for this rulemaking is scheduled for March 12, 2007, at 1 p.m., at 150 N 18th Avenue, Room 540A, Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3233.

Stakeholders are asked to send any comments to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-3959, or by fax at 602-364-1150.